## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1(Currently Amended). A method of preparing a compound of preparing a compound of the formula IX and Formula IXa:

comprising

Step C: reacting, in solvent A, a compound of Formula Va

wherein

-OR<sup>1</sup> is a suitable leaving group selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl; optionally substituted with aryl and/or  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,

solvent A is dimethylaminoacetamide, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, DMSO, methylacetamide, ethers or mixtures thereof;

with a compound of Formula VII or Formula VIIa

in the presence of a palladium catalyst and a phosphine ligand in amine base to yield a compound of Formula VIII or Formula VIIIa

Step D: reacting, in solvent B, a compound of Formula VIII or VIIIa with cyclopropylamine optionally in the presence of a catalyst to yield a compound of Formula IX or IXa.

- 2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the phosphine ligand is P(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl).
- 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein the palladium catalyst is selected from the group consisting of, the palladium catalyst selected from P(t-butyl)3-Pd-P(t-butyl)3, [PdCl(allyl)]2, Pd2 (dba)3, and [P(t-butyl) 3PdBr] 2.
- 4. A method according to claim 1 wherein the molar ratio of the compound of Formula Va to Formula VII or VIIa is approximately 1:1.5 to 1.5 to 1.
- 5. A method according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of molar equivalents of amine base per mole of compound of Formula VII or VIIa is 2:1 to 3.5:1.
- 6. A method according to claim 1 wherein the molar ratio of Palladium catalyst to compound of Formula Va is 0.05:1 to 0.10:1.
  - 7. A method according to claim 1 wherein step C is carried out at 40 to 70°C.

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9(Currently Amended). A method according to claim § 1 wherein solvent B is a C<sub>1-8</sub> galkanol solvent or acetonitrile.

10(Currently Amended). A method according to claim § 1 wherein the catalyst is selected from Butyl phosphite (BuO)3P and magnesium chloride.

11(Currently Amended). A method according to claim § 1 wherein molar ratio of cyclopropylamine to compound of Formula VIII or VIIIa is at least 1:1.

12(Currently Amended). A method according to claim § 1 wherein step D is carried out at 40 to 60°C.

13(Currently Amended). A method according to claim § 1 wherein reaction step C and reaction Step D are carried out in a single pot without purification or isolation of the product of Step C prior to proceeding with Step D.

14(Currently Amended). A method claim § 1 further comprising mixing compound of Formula IX with a conversion solvent to recrystallize the compound of Formula IX or IXa.

- 15. A method according to claim 14 wherein the conversion solvent is selected from dry ethanol, methanol, N-methylpyrrolidinone, trifluoroethanol, methyl t-butyl ether or mixtures thereof.
  - 16. A method of purifying a compound of Formula IX or IXa

comprising: combining a compound of Formula IX or IXa with an amount of a conversion solvent sufficient to suspend the compound and recrystallize said compound of Formula IX or IXa.

- 17. A method according to claim 16, wherein the conversion solvent is selected from dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, N-methylpyrrolidinone and C1-4alkanol.
- 18. A method according to claim 17, wherein the conversion solvent has a water content of less than 5%.

19(New). A method of preparing a compound of preparing a compound of the formula VIII and Formula VIIIa:

## comprising

Step C: reacting, in solvent A, a compound of Formula Va

$$\frac{O \quad O \quad O}{N \quad N} \quad OR^1$$

$$\frac{Va}{}$$

## wherein

 $R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl; optionally substituted with aryl and/or  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,

solvent A is dimethylaminoacetamide, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, DMSO, methylacetamide, ethers or mixtures thereof;

with a compound of Formula VII or Formula VIIa

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in the presence of a palladium catalyst and a phosphine ligand in amine base to yield a compound of Formula VIII or Formula VIIIa.

20(New). A method according to claim 19 wherein the phosphine ligand is P(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl) and the palladium catalyst is selected from the group consisting of, the palladium catalyst selected from P(t-butyl)3-Pd-P(t-butyl)3, [PdCl(allyl)]2, Pd2 (dba)3, and [P(t-butyl)3PdBr] 2.